

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 4, 2004**

Board Members: Larry Swift, Chair (District #9)
Holly Parker-Jensen (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Bruce Romanish (District #3)
Bonnie Decker (District #4)
Duane Sommers (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Allie "AJ" Joiner (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Vice-Chair (District #8)

Superintendent: Todd Reeves

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Guests: Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent
Dana Pride, Federation
Dawn Smith, PSO
James West, WSDAA
April McArthur, WPEA
April Rounds, Human Resources Consultant
Donna Power, Academic Administrator
Lori Dunsmore, Principal
Chuck McCarthy, Financial Operations Administrator
Rick Whitney, Residential Life Dean

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Larry Swift, Chair, at 9:08 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of September 9, 2004, Board meeting minutes

Pat Clothier made a motion to approve the September 9, 2004, minutes. It was seconded by Duane Sommers. The motion was voted on and approved.

Addition to the agenda: Committee reports

Meeting with staff (November 3, 2004): The Board was very impressed with the staff members who met with them. These meetings are important and should be continued in the future.

Curriculum Adoption

The curriculum adoption is in direct relation to the Strategic Plan. The Superintendent gave a historic recap of the reading program at WSD. Several teachers are meeting to determine what type of reading curriculum WSD should adopt. The reading curriculum will be connected to grade level expectations. The group will present their recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

The appropriate role of the Board of Trustees in adopting a reading curriculum at WSD was discussed. The Board would like to be notified of review meetings.

The Superintendent will present a draft of a curriculum adoption policy during the December Board meeting.

Collaboration with North Central ESD

This topic addresses two performance measures (partnerships with other school districts and outreach services). The Superintendent discussed a possible collaboration with North Central ESD (NCESD).

WSD's partnership would include hiring an Educational Psychologist and Speech Language Pathologist who would be based at North Central ESD in Wenatchee. The Deaf cooperative would have first opportunity to use these individuals (on a cost basis) to work at their school districts. It is the Superintendent's recommendation that WSD retain these employees one day a week to work for WSD's outreach department.

(Handout) The Superintendent distributed and discussed his memo to the Board ("Cooperative Outreach Arrangement with North Central ESD") and the cost impact of hiring an additional Educational Psychologist and Speech Language Pathologist.

Bruce Romanish made a motion to have the Superintendent enter into an agreement with NCESD. The Superintendent will use the figures discussed in his memo and in the future work to ensure that all costs are covered (i.e. use of medicare funds, etc.). Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. until 12 noon to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent. The meeting resumed at 12:00 noon.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch and reopened at 12:30 p.m.

Staff Presentation: Technology in the classroom (Piper Gallucci)

Piper Gallucci discussed her position as "tech mentor" as well as the technology program at WSD. She also shared several student projects. A student shared his experiences using technology at WSD.

Ms. Gallucci discussed her goals as Tech Mentor, including the creation of a web page for each cottage, movie making, collaboration with other schools, etc..

Preparation for three year review by DLR (Division of Licensed Resources)

Rick Hauan and Nancy Sinkovitz reviewed and discussed the “Methodology/ Essential Tools for the Review” that will be used during DLR’s three year review. The review is scheduled for December 14-15, 2004.

A copy of WSD’s Admissions Policy was distributed to the Board. The policy has been incorporated into a brochure which will provide a clear communication to parents and school districts.

Student Presentation: Independent Living Skills Program

Rick Whitney, Residential Life Dean, and a senior student at WSD presented on the ILS (Independent Living Skills) program at WSD. The Board of Trustees was very impressed with the program and also very appreciative of the extra work taken on by staff in this area.

Shared Reading Video Outreach Project

This item relates to WSD’s Strategic Plan in the area of “distance learning”. The Washington Sensory and Disabilities Services (WSDS) group met with the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent requesting that WSD take over the Shared Reading Video Outreach Project (SRVOP).

Budget justification information was discussed. The Superintendent met with OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) last week and although they are willing to fund this program for another year, OSPI would like SRVOP to become self-supporting in the very near future.

The Superintendent recommended that more information be gathered regarding funding of this program. The Board is cautiously interested in the project, especially as it relates to cost to the school. This topic will be put on the December agenda. It was also suggested that Dr. Nancy Hatfield (WSDS) and Howie Seago (SRVOP) be invited to a future Board meeting to share their thoughts.

Committee Reports

- **Facilities Committee** – Bonnie Decker gave a brief update. They will meet again on December 8, 2004
- **Finance Committee** – The Finance Committee met this morning and Sidney Weldele-Wallace gave a brief update from that meeting.

Additional Executive Session

The Board went into an additional Executive Session at 3:15 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent. The meeting resumed at 3:41 p.m.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2004.

Adjournment

Pat Clothier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Larry Swift, Chair
WSD Board of Trustees

Todd Reeves, Superintendent
Washington School for the Deaf

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